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The first commencement of Mrs. L. R. Clark's Dresscutting and Dress making School, (the Livingston system) was held at the Metropolitan Baptist church, R street between 12th and 13th streets, Monday evening, June 30th. The auditorium was packed with a distinguished and handsome audience. Every one present evinced the deepest interest in the description of the work of this unique branch of instruction. The guests of the evening were welcomed to the school by the principal, Mrs. L. R. Clark. The girls of the school distributed programs and acted as ushers. Promptly at 8 o'clock a procession of girls, each dressed in white and carrying bouquets of flowers, marched into the church. The edifice was tastefully decorated with potted plants, palms and draperies of red, white and blue, and as the procession wended its way through the aisles it formed a pleasing sight. Following immediately after the students came the principal, Mrs. L. R. Clark, Hon. J. C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds; Mr. William L. Pollard, attorney at law, Rev. M. W. Clair, Rev. W. J. Howard, Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Rev. Robert Johnson, Miss M. R. Bowen and Mrs. Rosetta E. Lawson. Rev. Robert Johnson opened the exercises by an invocation, after which Miss E. Johnson rendered two piano solos. Mr. Pollard introduced Hon. J. C. Dancy, who delivered an address on industrial education, religious tendencies and economy. He declared that thousands of dollars could be saved by our women if they only knew how to make their garments and headgear. The speaker proved exceptionally entertaining and related numerous anecdotes and stories to illustrate his points. He was accorded a hearty round of applause. Miss Mattie R. Bowen and Mrs. Rosetta E. Lawson made practical talks and was also accorded a hearty approval. Miss Stephens rendered a vocal solo, "The Star Spangle Banner," after which the graduates were presented their diplomas by Rev. M. W. Clair. A prayer and invocation by Rev. J. Anderson Taylor closed the exercises. Mr. W. L. Pollard made a graceful and witty master of ceremonies. Following is given a list of the graduates:

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At Hymen's Alter.

The wedding of Miss Grace Ella Shimm and Rev. Charles Gilmore Cummings, of Roberts Chapel, Alexandria, took place at the 15th Street Presbyterian church Wednesday evening of last week, and was followed by a reception at the bride's home, 734 13th street southwest. After a bridal tour, they will be at home on the 23rd, at 714 S Washington street. Alexandria. Miss Shimm was for a number of years a teacher in our public schools.

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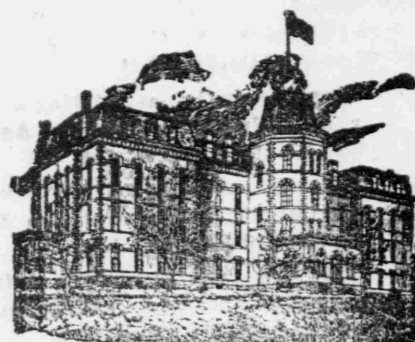
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